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Dear Hal,

Glad the ice is broken. I'm not good at formalities for long! The stuffed cabbage is a dish I learned to cook from my mother who was born in Odessa. My father was born in Russia, too, but they both emigrated to NY, (my mother from London,) where they met, where my father changed her name to Fishbine and where I was born. Can you imagine a by-line like Fishbine Gonzales? The editor of THE MEXICO CITY NEWS used to think it would make more headlines than headlines.

Thanks for clipping. I'll make a xerox and return it as soon as possible. Your idea about a fiction book a good one but unfortunately I think too many people are working on it. I still think my angle is valuable in that I know so many people involved. I'm almost thinking of writing a humorous essay+, because every time I thought there was something concrete, something happened to make me think otherwise. Your advice is very much appreciated and I intend going to Cuernavaca soon on some other matters and will look up your man there.

Do you think it odd that nothing has appeared as a ~~funx~~ follow-up to Kaplan's escape? Or is it too soon. ?

Yes, I would love some of your books, damaged or otherwise. The more I go over and over my files, the more I think (without facts to back it up) there is a tie between the two cases. The setting is the same, the mood, the time approximately, the politics, the CIA - well, when I can give you a few facts, I'll do more than "think" about this.

No time as yet for King or Oswald, but I haven't forgotten.

Best,

~~+ Book length~~

Paul

+ Book length.

You're right -